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July 27, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As Chairman of the House Select Committee on Commerce, it is important that Missouri has communication providers with broadband networks that have the ability to serve the needs of our community and enhance the opportunity for greater economic development. Charter Communications is one of the providers addressing that issue.

In my district in St. Charles and throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area, Charter's network provides high quality video, voice and data products to residential and business customers. Through their all-digital upgrade, they have added a number of new programming services, of which many are in High Definition. For the past few years, Charter has continued to offer greater Internet speeds to customers. Currently, Charter slowest Internet speed offered in my District is 100Mbps. Charter provides contract free services and there is no data caps or usage based pricing on its Internet service.

Charter is also bringing customer service jobs back into the United States. An example of that is the recent opening of Charter's new, state-of-the- art Customer Care Center in Bridgeton, which has added hundreds of new jobs to the Metropolitan area. In addition, as a strong advocate of the military, I commend Charter's efforts in working with Recruit Military to assist Charter in hiring military veterans to meet the needs of their growing company.

Finally, Charter is a good corporate citizen. At Lindenwood University, they were instrumental in providing grants to construct the University's production studio. This studio has provided many students at the school to receive hands-on training on the use of video equipment and the knowledge to participate in the development and production of educational access programming.

Charter's high quality services and its demonstration of job growth will enhance other areas of the State that currently do not have Charter as a service provider. Therefore, I ask that the Commission to approve the Charter Communications merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

Sincerely

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